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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

BOX AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1–27 of the above–identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed July 23, 1999.

Our check in the amount of \$300.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for 3-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from October 23, 1999 to January 23, 2000. Our check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for large entity.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Merchant & Gould P.C.,

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Respectfully submitted,

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